

PUBLIC NOTICE

PERMIT APPLICATION: NRS #06.223

APPLICANT: James H. Brooks, President
East Tennessee Iron and Metals
1925 Highway 66
Rogersville, TN 37857
(423) 235-4119

LOCATION: Project is located southeast of the intersection of Highway 66 and Speedwell Road in Rogersville. Unnamed tributary to Honeycutt Creek. Hawkins County. Lat. 36-18-36.61; Long. 83-01-10

WATERSHED DESCRIPTION: Surrounding land use is commercial properties and vacant lots. The unnamed tributary originates on the East Tennessee Iron and Metals (ETIM) adjacent property, is encapsulated below Highway 66, traverses the adjacent lot and reenters a culvert to pass below the Norfolk Southern Railroad Tracks on the southeast boundary of the adjacent lot. The unnamed tributary is intermittent with a well-defined bed and bank.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The applicant proposes to expand their operation of a metal warehouse. The proposed project will require the placement of 130 linear feet of the unnamed tributary to Honeycutt Creek in a culvert. The culvert is required due to the need to access Highway 66 and the size of the proposed facility. The applicant's consultant contacted the local NRCS office, the division's Johnson City Field Office and placed an ad in the local paper in an attempt to locate suitable mitigation sites. These attempts resulted in no available sites. Therefore, the applicant proposes to provide compensatory stream mitigation for the placement of the unnamed tributary in a culvert by purchasing the necessary credits of \$200/ linear foot or \$26,000 through the Tennessee Stream Mitigation Program (TSMP).

The proposed culvert will be a 4' x 20' conspan culvert open bottom lined with Class C riprap (grouted) with a 42-inch minimum thickness.

In accordance with the Tennessee Antidegradation Statement (Rule 1200-4-3-.06), the division has determined that the proposed activity will not result in degradation to water quality.

PERMIT COORDINATOR: Mike Lee

TOPOGRAPHICAL QUADRANGLE: Bulls Gap 171- SE

No decision has been made whether to issue or deny this permit. The purpose of this notice is to inform interested parties of this permit application and to ask for comments and information necessary to determine possible impacts to water quality. Persons wishing to comment on the proposal are invited to submit written comments to the department. Written comments must be received within **thirty days of the date that this notice is posted**. Comments will become part of the record and will be considered in the final decision. The applicant's name and permit number should be referenced.

Interested persons may also request in writing that the department hold a public hearing on this application. The request must be filed within the comment period, indicate the interest of the person requesting it, the reasons that the hearing is warranted, and the water quality issues being raised. When there is sufficient public interest in water quality issues, the department will hold a public hearing.

The permit application, supporting documentation including detailed plans and maps, and related comments are available at the department's address for review and/or copying. The department's address is:

Tennessee Department of Environment & Conservation
Division of Water Pollution Control, Natural Resources Section
7th Floor L & C Annex
401 Church Street
Nashville, TN 37243

In deciding whether to issue or deny a permit, the department will consider all comments on record and the requirements of applicable federal and state laws.

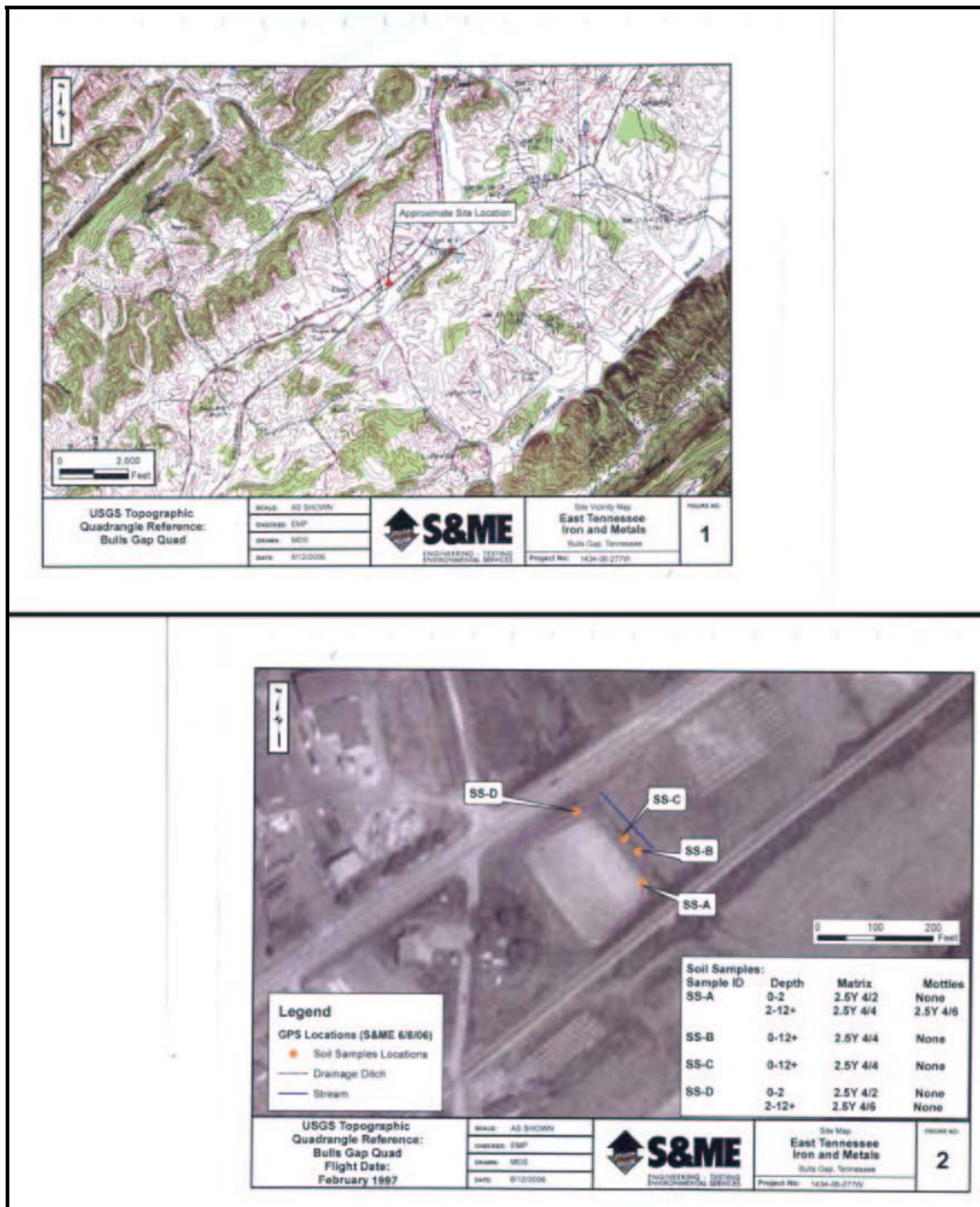


FIGURE 3
REPRESENTATIVE PHOTOGRAPHS

PROJECT NO.: 1434-06-277W

PROJECT NAME: East Tennessee Iron and Metals

CAMERA MAKE: Sony FD-91

LOCATION: Rogersville, Tennessee



PHOTOGRAPH NO.: 01
LOCATION: Unnamed Tributary
DATE: 6/28/06
PHOTOGRAPHER: M. Smith
COMMENTS: A view of the 130 foot of unnamed tributary which traverses the undeveloped lot by Highway 66.



PHOTOGRAPH NO.: 02
LOCATION: Drainage Ditch
DATE: 6/28/06
PHOTOGRAPHER: M. Smith
COMMENTS: A view of the northwestern drainage ditch which collects surface drainage from Highway 66. East Tennessee Iron and Metals facilities are visible on the adjacent lot.

